



Language Access & Community Education Services of Santa Clara County

~Building Community Through Knowledge & Embracing Diversity Through Collaboration~

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Dear Friend,

Welcome to the new *Immigrant Rights, Responsibilities and Resources Guidebook for Santa Clara County*!! This guidebook represents a culmination of work, commitment and dedication fostered by the Summit on Immigrant Needs and Contributions of Santa Clara County in December 2000; this same work continues with Santa Clara County's ongoing commitment to address the needs of our diverse communities and acknowledgement of the leadership within immigrant communities.

Whether you are a direct-service provider or belong to a group that reaches out to the community, we feel that this guide can serve as an instrumental tool in bridging the gap of knowledge among service providers and communities alike, as well as fostering understanding of our diverse county. Here are some of what the LACES Project has to offer to you:

- Presentations to staff and/or community groups on how to utilize the guidebook and on substantive issues contained in the guidebook, including Facilitators' Train the Trainers Workshops, a facilitators' guide and supplemental material.
- Multi-lingual Community Education material, including the guidebook and educational flyers, in 11 languages that cover Health, Education, Legal Issues, Employment, Family Support and Community Building & Civic Action.
- Community presentations in 11 languages and speakers bureau. You may request a presentation by contacting the LACES Project Coordinator.
- Technical Assistance to organizations and/or community groups interested in organizing community presentations, such as trainings on outreach, media, cultural sensitivity and public speaking;
- Opportunities to meet with other community educator's as part of a LACES Community Educator's Network.

We are hopeful that you will become part of the LACES Network; your interest in and use of this guide is the first step. Thank you for your ongoing interest to inform and empower our diverse immigrant communities about their rights, responsibilities and resources in Santa Clara County. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions regarding this guidebook, or if you are interested in any of the services offered by the LACES Project.

Sincerely,

The LACES Collaborative:

Asian Law Alliance
Resources for Families and Communities
Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network